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**DATE:** April 8, 2004  
**TO:** Nurse Practitioners and Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Board of Registered Nursing  
**RE:** CE Course for Schedule II Controlled Substance Furnishing by Nurse Practitioners

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Nurse Practitioners wishing to furnish Schedule II controlled substances are required to complete a Board of Registered Nursing approved continuing education course including Schedule II **prior** to filing an application with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Please do not call the DEA prior to completing the continuing education course as required. The Board of Registered Nursing requires a minimum 3-hour approved continuing education course. The Board of Registered Nursing is required to verify each nurse practitioner's completion of the required continuing education course.

Each nurse practitioner applying for Schedule II furnishing privileges **MUST** submit to the Board:

- Written request for Schedule II furnishing privileges that includes your name, address, and nurse practitioner furnishing number.
- Photocopy of the continuing education completion certificate **AND** detailed course outline.

Please mail to: Board of Registered Nursing  
Advanced Practice Unit  
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N-217  
Sacramento, CA 95834-1924

The Board of Registered Nursing will process your request for Schedule II furnishing privileges upon receipt of documentation regarding the continuing education course, including a detailed course outline, and your written request. The DEA will process all NP applications after accessing the Board's web site to insure that the Schedule II privileges have been added to your nurse practitioner furnishing number.

Effective January 1, 2004 Assembly Bill 1196 (Montañez) amended the Business and Profession Code Section 2836.1 (Furnishing Drugs and Devices) expanding the certified nurse practitioner (NP) furnishing authority to include pharmacological drugs that are classified as Schedule II controlled substances under the California Uniform Controlled Substance Act.